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1. German publication no. 31 16 409 A1. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

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